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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS ON CUSTOMS EXPORTS AND
IMPORTS FOR JAN ALONG WITH CORRECTIONS FOR FIGURES
REPORTED IN REFTEL.

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1. CORRECTION: CERTAIN FIGURES IN PARA 3 REFTEL IN ERROR. CORRECT FIGURES AS FOLLOWS: SERVICES AND TRANSFERS COMBINED MINUS 470 (MINUS 209); LONG-TERM CAPITAL MINUS 760 (MINUS 775).

2. PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS DATA FIGURES ARE PRESENTED AS USUAL IN DOLLARS. HOWEVER, RATE OF EXCHANGE USED FOR JAN 74 WAS 292.07 PER DOLLAR FOR EXPORTS AND 290.36 FOR IMPORTS. PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS DATA SHOW GLOBAL EXPORTS \$2,593 MIL (YEN757,450 MIL) UP 42.0 PERCENT AND IMPORTS \$3,876 MIL (YEN1,125,519 MIL) UP 76.9 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO. TOTAL EXPORTS TO U.S. IN MIL DOLLARS 592.4, UP 6.7 PERCENT FROM JAN 73. IMPORTS FROM U.S. 795.9, UP 46.5 PERCENT.

3. BY SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION, GLOBAL IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS UP 90.3 PERCENT FROM JAN 73, CONSUMER NONDURABLES UP 206.6 PERCENT, CONSUMER DURABLES UP 38.5 PERCENT, INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES UP 81.1 PERCENT, AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT UP 20.2 PERCENT. IMPORTS OF IRON ORE AND STEEL SCRAP UP 42.7 PERCENT AND DOWN 21.2 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY; IMPORTS OF COAL AND CRUDE OIL UP 57.0 PERCENT AND UP 124.9 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY; IMPORTS OF SOYBEANS UP 74.2 PERCENT; IMPORTS OF LUMBER UP 54.7 PERCENT. GLOBAL EXPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES UP 13.2 PERCENT (PASSENGER CARS UP 12.0 PERCENT) AND MOTORCYCLES UP 79.1 PERCENT.

4. CUSTOMS EXPORTS TO U.S.: TV'S DOWN 36.2 PERCENT FROM JAN 73, RADIOS DOWN 25.0 PERCENT, TAPE RECORDERS DOWN 23.6 PERCENT, OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS UP 56.2 PERCENT. IRON AND STEEL DOWN 8.1 PERCENT. SYNTHETIC TEXTILES DOWN 35.2 PERCENT, CLOTHING DOWN 15.3 PERCENT, CHEMICALS DOWN 0.8 PERCENT, COTTON FABRICS DOWN 47.8 PERCENT, FOODSTUFFS UP 104.5 PERCENT, FISH AND SHELLFISH UP 169.2 PERCENT. EXPORTS OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT DOWN 5.0 PERCENT AND THOSE OF METAL PRODUCTS UP 18.3 PERCENT. MOTOR VEHICLES WERE UP 17.2 PERCENT, AND MOTORCYCLES UP 76.7 PERCENT.

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5. CUSTOMS IMPORTS FROM U.S.: TOTAL FOODS UP 139.3 PERCENT FROM JAN 73, BEEF UP 587.0 PERCENT, FISH AND SHELLFISH UP 127.8 PERCENT, SOYBEANS UP 66.4 PERCENT, FEED CORN UP 166.3 PERCENT, SORGHUM UP 136.2 PERCENT, WHEAT UP 116.3 PERCENT, RAW COTTON UP 27.9 PERCENT. LUMBER WAS DOWN 30.6 PERCENT. OFFICE EQUIPMENT UP 81.4 PERCENT, AIRCRAFT DOWN 87.1 PERCENT, TOYS AND INDOOR GAMES DOWN 76.4 PERCENT, THOSE OF METAL MATERIALS WERE

DOWN 21.7 PERCENT, CHEMICALS UP 63.2 PERCENT AND NON-FERROUS METALS UP 75.1 PERCENT.

6. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS IN JAN WERE 22 MIL KILOLITERS AMOUNTING TO \$840 MIL. THIS COMPARES WITH 25.3 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$800 MIL IN DEC, AND 23.0 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$373 MIL IN JAN 73.
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